

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain in the application and stand rejected. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following reasons.

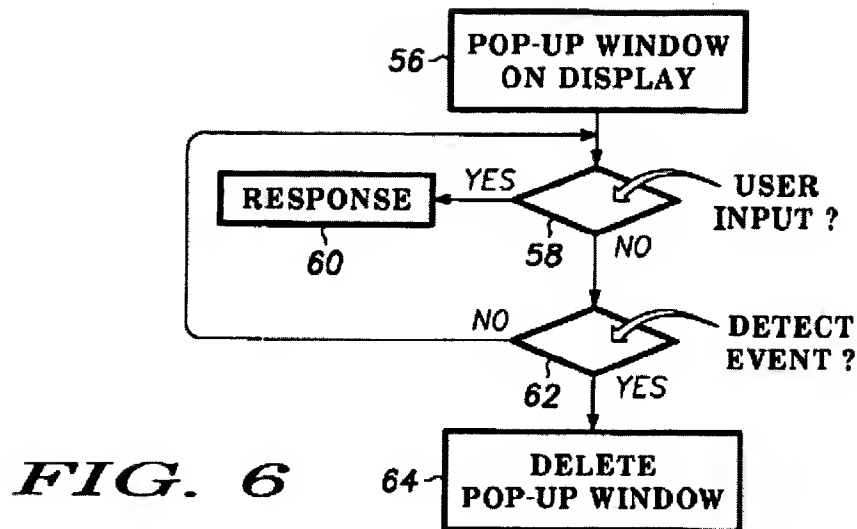
Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and initial the information disclosure statement submitted by Applicants on January 18, 2002. A copy of the information disclosure statement and returned postcard is submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claim Rejection -- 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,459,440 to Monnes et al. ("Monnes") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,996,011 to Humes ("Humes"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The last office action cites Monnes column 2, lines 51-67 through column 3, lines 1-10 and column 8, lines 1-39 for support in rejecting claim 1. The entirety of Monnes, however, does not disclose or suggest **detecting** the launching of a new window and **preventing** the window from being displayed as recited in claim 1. Nothing in Monnes detects for the launching of a new window because windows are not prevented from being displayed in Monnes. This is not surprising considering that Monnes' applications are meant to display messages to the user. For example, it is clear from Monnes that pop-up 10 is displayed (i.e., not prevented from being displayed) by the display 14 per the request of an application 20 (Monnes, column 3, lines 13-22). The same application 20 can send a request to **delete** the pop-up 10 (Monnes column 3, lines 61). Note that deleting the pop-up 10 is not preventing the pop-up 10 from being displayed – the pop-up 10 has long been displayed by the display 14. FIG. 6 of Monnes is reproduced below for ease of discussion:



It is clear from FIG. 6 above that **Monnes** allows **pop-up windows to be displayed** (step 56) to allow users to respond to it (step 58). The pop-up window is deleted at some point **after** the pop-up window has already been displayed (step 64).

Humes does not disclose or suggest preventing windows from being displayed either. In Humes, **data** from certain sites are prevented from being displayed in the window employed by the user, but no **window** (as opposed to data or web page in a window) is prevented from being displayed. That is, Humes does not disclose or suggest any technique for preventing windows from being displayed. Humes merely prevent displaying of data in a browser window (note that the browser window is already displayed). Humes FIG. 2, which is cited in the last office action for support, is reproduced below for ease of discussion.

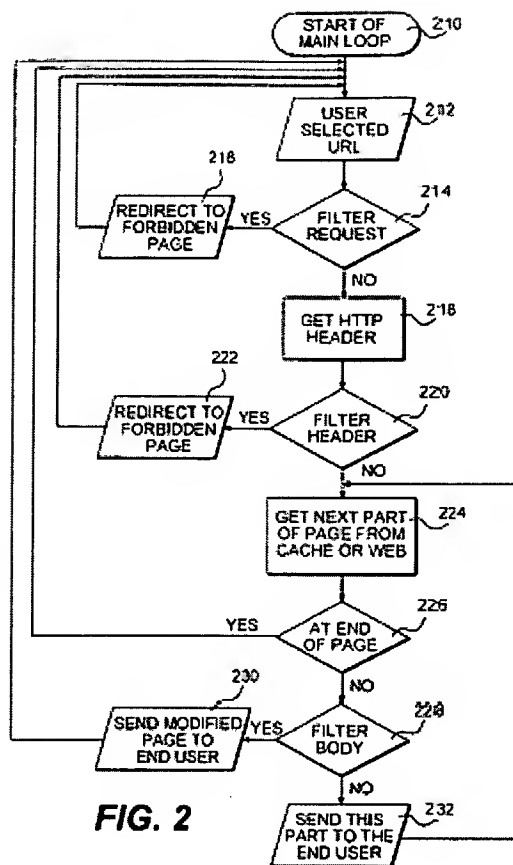


FIG. 2

Referring to Humes FIG. 2 above, Humes, at most, redirects a window to a forbidden page (steps 216, 222) or displays a modified page (step 230) on the window if the user navigates to a forbidden URL (step 212). However, **no window is prevented from being displayed** in that process. At most, Humes restricts access to data from being shown in a window that is already displayed.

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Monnes and Humes. Claims 2-21 depend on claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-21 are patentable over the combination of Monnes and Humes at least for the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable, as well as because of the combination of features set forth in these claims and in claim 1. For example:

Claims 4-21 recite features that are indicative of the type of a particular window. It is respectfully submitted that neither Humes nor Monnes discloses or suggests that these features can be used to type windows. Humes and Monnes

don't even mention how to deal with "windows without a menu bar," "windows without a tool bar," "windows launched when a web site is exited," "windows navigating to an About:Blank," and so on. Applicants have carefully read the last office action and the cited Monnes FIG. 7 col. 9, lines 25-43 and could not find any support for the rejection of claim 4-21. The cited portions of Monnes merely talks about displaying pop-ups and deleting already displayed pop-ups – not how to type windows. Clarification from the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claims 22 and 26-30 stand rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-3. The patentability of claims 1-3 over the combination of Monnes and Humes has already been discussed. Therefore claims 22 and 26-30 are also patentable over the combination of Monnes and Humes.

Claim 23 is patentable over the combination of Monnes and Humes at least for depending on claim 22, as well as because of the combination of features set forth in claim 22 and in claim 23. For example:

Claim 23 recites: "wherein the exclusion list may be updated by downloading a new set of domain names from a server computer." Humes col. 4, lines 47-58 talks about data transfer over the World Wide Web. However, Humes does not disclose or suggest the use of an exclusion list that is updateable by downloading. Humes FIG. 1 shows a generic Internet connection to a proxy/cache server, but does not disclose an exclusion list (that according to claim 22 includes **a set of domain names where blocking of windows is disabled**) that is updateable by downloading.

Claims 24 and 25 are rejected in a manner similar to claim 23, which as already been discussed is patentable over the combination of Humes and Monnes.

Conclusion

For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 1-30 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

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